

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

Rebecca Lemke,

Plaintiff,

v.

Credit Corp Solutions Inc.; and DOES 1-10,
inclusive,

Defendants.

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: Civil Action No.: 3:20-cv-968
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**COMPLAINT AND
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Rebecca Lemke, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. This action arises out of Defendants' repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA") in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.

2. Supplemental jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that the Defendants transact business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

PARTIES

4. The Plaintiff, Rebecca Lemke ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

5. Defendant Credit Corp Solutions Inc. ("CCS"), is a Utah business entity with an address of 180 West Election Road, Suite 200, Draper, Utah 84020, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. Does 1-10 (the “Collectors”) are individual collectors employed by CCS and whose identities are currently unknown to the Plaintiff. One or more of the Collectors may be joined as parties once their identities are disclosed through discovery.

7. CCS at all times acted by and through one or more of the Collectors.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Debt

8. The Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation (the “Debt”) to an original creditor (the “Creditor”).

9. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes and which meets the definition of a “debt” under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

10. The Debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to CCS for collection, or CCS was employed by the Creditor to collect the Debt.

11. The Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in “communications” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

B. CCS Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

12. On or about May 6, 2020, CCS contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the Debt.

13. During the initial conversation, CCS threatened to report the Debt to credit bureaus and take legal action against Plaintiff if the Debt was not paid immediately.

14. Such threats during the initial call overshadowed Plaintiff’s right to dispute the Debt within 30 days.

15. At the time of the threat, CCS did not intend to take legal action against Plaintiff.

16. To date, CCS has not sued Plaintiff for the Debt.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

17. The Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

18. As a direct consequence of the Defendants' acts, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.

COUNT I

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

19. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

20. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d in that Defendants engaged in behavior the natural consequence of which was to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt.

21. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e in that Defendants used false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of a debt.

22. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5) in that Defendants threatened to take legal action, without actually intending to do so.

23. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) in that Defendants employed false and deceptive means to collect a debt.

24. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f in that Defendants used unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.

25. The Defendants' conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b) in that Defendants overshadowed Plaintiff's right to dispute the Debt.

26. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including every one of the above-cited provisions.

27. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendants' violations.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against the Defendants:

1. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against the Defendants;
2. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) against the Defendants;
3. Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) against the Defendants;
4. Actual damages from the Defendants for all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FDCPA violations; and
5. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: October 25, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ Sergei Lemberg

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